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**Re:** Serial No. 10//774,865

**REQUEST FOR STATUS INFORMATION**

Applicant is the inventor of a lifting foil which is able to produce an unexpectedly large lift, while concomitantly generating an induced drag which is substantially reduced when compared to prior art foils. This invention offers a user such as, for instance, a manufacturer of fighter planes or underwater vessels, an ability to deliver to its customers vessels of markedly superior performance at a reduced cost. Applicant believes that he has achieved a breakthrough of pioneering proportions, and he is anxious to get on with the process of building a team of financial backers, seasoned managers and talented engineers able to take his invention to the marketplace.

The subject invention was carefully examined by the Primary Examiner, and found to be patentable over a large body of prior art, including all of the references known to applicant and the undersigned attorney. Following is a history of events relevant to this status request:

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The long lapse of time (7 months +) since the date of payment of the Issue Fee suggests that the examination of Ser. No. 10/774,865 somehow may have become sidetracked. Applicant therefore requests that the Office inspect the file of the '865 proceeding and supply the undersigned with a Status Report of the findings of that inspection.

Respectfully submitted,

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In response to your communication filed on 5/26/2006.

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